

Spain Establishes an Empire

Columbus

- Columbus arrives in the West Indies.
- Spanish offended by Taínos.
- Claims land for Spain

Cortés

- Cortés lands on coast of Mexico and begins trek toward Tenochtitlán in 1519.
- Forms alliances with conquered peoples
- Arrives in Tenochtitlán; welcomed by Moctezuma
- Relations deteriorate and Cortés imprisons Moctezuma.
- Captures and demolishes Tenochtitlán (1521)

Pizarro

- Pizarro arrives in Peru in 1532.
- Captures ruler and kills thousands of Incas
- Demands ransom; is paid but kills ruler anyway
- Conquers Incas; establishes city of Lima
- Killed by rival Spanish faction